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2. PER LIENVOY 5 APRIL 1968, IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN LUIS QUINTANILLA AND HIS SISTER TERESA, THE LATTER QUESTIONS WHETHER ASSASSINATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF SOME MOVEMENT "POR AZAJO", NOT EXACTLY THE GOVERNMENT. LUIS SAID IT WAS THE FASCISTS, THE CRAZY ONES .. THE FORCE THAT KILLED LINCOLN... ALL THE ANTI-NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS OF THE SOUTH. TERESA COMMENTED ON FACT THAT KING WAS NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, AND THAT JOHNSON NOW IN PREDICAMENT. LUIS PREDICTS ACTS OF VENGEANCE, TERESA BELIEVES COULD EVEN SPARK A REVOLUTION. LUIS SAID HE HAD MET KING IN GENEVA, REFERRED TO HIM AS "ELEGANT" AND LIKENED HIS DEATH TO THAT OF GANDHI, "A CHAMPION OF PEACE, LIKE ALL THE DECENT AMERICANS...HE WAS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM". BOTH LUIS AND SISTER COMMENTED ON FACT THAT PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO HONOLULU WAS DELAYED, WITH LUIS ADDING, IN REFERENCE TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, "HE HAS TO MAINTAIN THE FARCE

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THAT THEIR CONSENT IS NEEDED".

3. LIENVOY, SAME DATE, REPORTED EXCHANGE BETWEEN FORMER WIFE (TISBE) OF COMMUNIST DOCTOR CARLOS NOBEL AND HER SISTER THAL A. IMMEDIATE REACTION OF BOTH WAS THAT KING'S DEATH CAUSED DELAY IN PRESIDENT'S TRIP, AND THAT RACIAL REPERCUSSIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE. TISBE SAID "MY FRIENDS LOVED HIM VERY MUCH (MY FRIENDS ARE RICH); THE ADVOCATES OF NON-VIOLENCE ARE WELL TO DO...THE VIOLENT ONES ARE THOSE WHO DON'T EVEN HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT...THEY BOUGHT KING OFF BY GIVING HIM THE NOBEL PRIZE".

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